

King Edward VII - Definitive Issue (1902-1913*).

When Queen Victoria died on 22nd January 1901, the throne passed to her eldest son, Edward, Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII.

Designs for a new series of stamps portraying an image of the King were started almost immediately, but despite this, the first four values, $\frac{1}{2}d$, $1d$, $2\frac{1}{2}d$, and $6d$, were not issued until the **1st January 1902**. These four stamps were to a completely new design, whereas the remaining stamps were based heavily on the designs used for the Queen Victoria 'Jubilee' issue. With the exception of the $4\frac{1}{2}d$ value, which was discontinued and not seen again until it was re-introduced in 1959, the remaining stamps were progressively replaced between **March and July 1902**.



4,019 dies



7,223 dies



3,467 dies



1,715 dies



2,197 dies



2,085 dies



2,602 dies



1,489 dies



1,452 dies



350 dies



358 dies



897 dies

The blue-green colour of the $\frac{1}{2}d$ value was changed to yellow-green, issued **26th November 1904**, followed much later by a striking change of colour for the bi-coloured 4d value to orange, issued **1st November 1909**. A completely new denomination, the **7d**, was issued on **4th May 1910**.



5,238 dies



844 dies



142 dies

Note - No distinction has been made between the use of ordinary and chalky papers, perforation changes, or the various De La Rue, Somerset House, and Harrison & Sons printings.

After the death of the King, the stamps were not completely replaced until August 1913*.

The same basic information is presented below in tabular form. Please note that the categories involving a question mark are the result of incomplete recording in the late 1980's and early 1990's of either colour or type. It is hoped that 'in the fullness of time' these will all be resolved and assigned to their correct category.

TOTALS for issue 'F'				
	DD			DDF
Overall >	8,490			34,121
	6,479	½d		
			½d colour ??	17
			½d Blue-green	4,019
			½d Yellow-green	5,238
		1d	Red	7,223
		1½d	Purple & green	2,197
		2d	Green & red	2,085
		2½d	Blue	3,467
		3d	Purple on yellow	2,602
	1,845	4d		
			4d colour ??	26
			4d Green & brown	1,489
			4d Orange	844
		5d	Purple & blue	1,452
		6d	Purple	1,715
		7d	Grey	142
		9d	Purple & blue	360
		10d	Purple & red	358
		1/-	Green & red	897

The above summary lists *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *King Edward VII Definitive Issue* - correct to *1st January 2019*.

King Edward VII Coil stamps.

The idea of producing coils of stamps for use in stamp vending and affixing machines was first trialled during the second half of King Edward VII's reign by a number of promoters. In essence, coils of stamps were made up 'privately' from sheets of stamps joined at their cut-down selvage. Both sideways and vertical delivery coils were produced. These early coil stamps are difficult to spot but *usually* have cut edges resulting from their method of manufacture and delivery system.

Just **eight** Perfin dies are known on the stamps of King Edward VII. These are detailed in the Perfin Society publication:

'An Illustrated Catalogue of Great British Perfins found on Stamps from Coils'.